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Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 148 are set out in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/72/669 and A/72/669/Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 42nd and 48th meetings, on 25 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revised budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/813 and A/72/813/Corr.1);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/875).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.34

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals" (A/C.5/72/L.34), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Hungary.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.34 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.42 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revised budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 [1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolutions 66/240 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 72/258 of 24 December 2017 and 72/270 of 4 April 2018,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an annual budget for the Mechanism on a trial basis, beginning with the budget for 2020, and also requests the Secretary-General to conduct a review of this budgetary cycle for the Mechanism in 2022, following the completion of the first full budgetary cycle;

4. *Decides* to review at its seventy-seventh session, with a view to taking a final decision, the implementation of the annual budget;

5. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of eight new temporary posts (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 P-4 and 6 Security Service);

6. *Further decides* to establish an additional post (D-1) in the Arusha branch, in Administration;

7. *Decides* to approve the proposed reclassification of one post of Associate Legal Officer (P-2) in Arusha as a P-3 post;

8. *Also decides* to approve the proposed revised budget amounting to 196,024,100 United States dollars for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019;

9. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals a total amount of 196,024,100 dollars gross (175,047,600 dollars net) for the biennium 2018–2019, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

10. *Decides* that the total assessment for 2018 under the Special Account amounting to 10,215,450 dollars shall consist of:

(a) 98,012,050 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2018–2019;

[1] A/72/813 and A/72/813/Corr.1.

[2] A/72/875.

(b) Less 3,781,600 dollars, being the decrease in final appropriation for the biennium 2016–2017;

(c) Less 84,015,000 dollars, being contributions assessed on Member States in respect of the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in section II of its resolution 72/258 for the maintenance of the Mechanism for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2018;

11. *Also decides* to apportion the additional amount of 5,107,725 dollars gross (3,765,200 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2018;

12. *Further decides* to apportion the additional amount of 5,107,725 dollars gross (3,765,200 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2018;

13. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 2,685,050 dollars approved for the Mechanism for 2018.

Annex
Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019

	Gross	*Net of staff assessment*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019	197 358 300	176 191 200
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	(1 608 000)	(1 380 800)
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	273 800	237 200
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019	**196 024 100**	**175 047 600**
Total assessment for 2018		
Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019	98 012 050	87 523 800
Less:		
Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2016–2017	3 781 600	4 568 800
Contributions assessed on Member States in respect of commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in section II of its resolution 72/258 for the maintenance of the Mechanism for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2018	84 015 000	75 424 600
Net contributions assessed on Member States for 2018	**10 215 450**	**7 530 400**
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2018	5 107 725	3 765 200
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2018	5 107 725	3 765 200